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Regent International Hotels

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Regent International Hotels, now known as **Regent Hotels & Resorts**, operates hotels in Asia, the Americas and Europe.

The Regent Beijing, in 2014

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History [edit]

The brand was started by hotelier Robert H. Burns as a joint venture with Japan's Tokyu Group in 1970.

In 1992, the Four Seasons hotel chain acquired the Regent hotel chain. Hotels under development at the time of purchase in New York, Bali, Milan, and Istanbul were subsequently opened as Four Seasons.[1] In 1998, Carlson acquired the Regent name for new hotel developments and would create a luxury hotel division while the Four Seasons continued management of existing and new Regent hotels.[2]

In 2002, Carlson agreed with Rezidor SAS to develop the Regent hotel brand in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.[3]

In March 2006, Carlson renamed its Radisson Seven Seas Cruises to Regent Seven Seas Cruises and merged the cruise operation and Regent International Hotels under a common brand.[4]

In 2008, Regent Seven Seas Cruises was sold to Apollo Management, an investment company. Carlson retains ownership of the master Regent brand, along with the operations of Regent Hotels & Resorts around the world.[5]

In 2010, Carlson sold its Regent hotel business to Formosa International Hotels, the largest listed hotel operator in Taiwan. It is also the owner of Grand Formosa Regent Taipei hotel, Taipei, Taiwan, which was opened by Regent's founders in 1990 as 'The Regent Taipei'.[6][7][8]

Co-founder Robert Burns is appointed as Honorary Chairman and Ralf Ohletz is appointed president. Ohletz worked with another Regent co-founder, Adrian Zecha, for 25 years.[1]

Notable former hotels [edit]

- Regent Hong Kong, renamed InterContinental Hong Kong
- Regent Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills in Los Angeles, California, USA, renamed to Beverly Wilshire Hotel
- Regent Jakarta in the capital of Indonesia, renamed into Four Seasons Hotel Jakarta
- Regent Bangkok, Thailand, renamed into Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok
- Regent Sydney, Australia, currently Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
- Regent Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, renamed into Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur
- Regent London, UK, renamed into The Landmark London
- Regent New York, New York, USA, opened as Four Seasons Hotel New York
- Regent Bali, Indonesia, opened as Four Season Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay
- Regent Okinawa, Okinawa, Japan, renamed into The Naha Terrace
- Regent Esplanade Zagreb, Croatia now inter pendant.
- Regent Bal Harbour, Miami, USA now called ONE Bal Harbour
- Regent Battery Wharf, Boston, USA now called Fairmont Battery Wharf
- Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux, France now independent.
- Regent South Beach, Miami, now Z Ocean Resort.

Existing and Pipeline Regent Hotels & Resorts [edit]

Asia

- Regent Bali
- Regent Beijing
- Regent Phuket Cape Panwa
- Regent Singapore
- Regent Taipei
- Regent Kuala Lumpur (opening 2015)

Europe

- Regent Berlin
- Regent Porto Montenegro (opening 2014)

Middle East

- Regent Doha (opening 2013)
- Regent Emirates Pearl Abu Dhabi (opening 2013)

America

- Regent Palms Turks & Caicos

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